

**Education and Manpower Bureau
Territory-wide System Assessment 2007**

Secondary 3 English Language

**Reading
Question-Answer Booklet**

Instructions:

1. There are seven pages in this Question-Answer Booklet.
 2. Answer all questions.
 3. Time allowed is 30 minutes.
 4. Write your answers in this Question-Answer Booklet.
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Part 1

Tom is reading an article.

Read the article below.

The Land Down Under

Since people from Hong Kong began moving to Australia in the 1990s, the country has become a popular holiday destination for Hong Kong tour groups. Tourists from Hong Kong like to visit Australia because of the reasonable flying time, natural landscape and good food.

Travellers who are interested in Western culture can fly to Australia more easily than Europe or North America. Not only will they save time flying but also the time needed when adjusting to another time zone. Hong Kong and Sydney, for example, have a time difference of two or three hours, making travel between these two cities convenient and trouble-free. 5

Australia is a beautiful country, relatively new and unspoiled. Many of its various landforms and wildlife are unseen in Hong Kong. Located along the coastline are more than 7,000 clean, white beaches and wet rainforests. Inland, there are sandy red deserts and green valleys. The country supports close to 25,000 kinds of plants and 800 kinds of birds. Two animals that are particularly well-liked by Hong Kong visitors are the koala and kangaroo. In fact, the koala is so popular that many people think that it is a national symbol of Australia, instead of the kangaroo. 10 15

No vacation is complete without good food, especially for the Chinese. Best loved by Hong Kong visitors is Australia's seafood. It is fresh, plentiful and, best of all, is usually cheaper than in Hong Kong. Local lamb, pork and beef are also delicious. But the visitor who is looking for something different can try kangaroo or crocodile meat. 20

Whether it is the number of good quality restaurants, natural habitat or travel convenience, more and more people from Hong Kong are visiting 'The Land Down Under'.

Tick ☒ the best answer.

1. In what kind of magazine could you find this article?

- ☐ A. food
- ☐ B. travel
- ☐ C. wildlife
- ☐ D. fashion

2. Why do people from Hong Kong like to visit Australia?

Australia is _____.

- ☐ A. not too far away
- ☐ B. a good place to live
- ☐ C. an undeveloped country
- ☐ D. not an expensive place to visit

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<p>3. According to paragraph 2, what do Australia, Europe and North America have in common? They have (a) similar _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. history</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. culture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. economy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. environment</p>		<p>Marker's Use Only (14)</p>
<p>4. Why is it easier for people from Hong Kong to travel to Australia than to Europe or North America?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. There is no difference in time zones.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. There are more flights to Australia.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. The flying time is shorter.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. It is cheaper.</p>	<p>7. Read line 17: 'No vacation is complete without good food, especially for the Chinese'. What is the meaning of this sentence? For Chinese people, _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. good food is not important</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. travel and good food go together</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. a vacation is better than good food</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. a vacation is important</p>	<p>(15) (18)</p>
<p>5. What does 'unspoiled' (line 10) mean?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. lively</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. interesting</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. unpolluted</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. unusual</p>	<p>8. According to the passage, what is the difference between Australian and Hong Kong seafood?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. freshness</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. quantity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. quality</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. price</p>	<p>(16) (19)</p>
<p>6. What is a national symbol of Australia?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. kangaroo</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. crocodile</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. koala</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. lamb</p>	<p>9. Which dish would be unusual for Hong Kong tourists?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A. beef</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B. lamb</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C. pork</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> D. kangaroo</p>	<p>(17) (20)</p>

Part 2

Tom is a member of the Reading Club. He is reading about a book called 'Treasure Island'.

Read the following passage.

Treasure Island, written by Robert Louis Stevenson, is a very famous children's book. It is about a boy named Jim Hawkins, a ship called the Hispaniola, and a hunt for hidden treasure. It tells the story of pirates who were thieves sailing on the high seas. It is also about trust and betrayal among friends.

Pirates sailed in ships that usually flew a flag called the Jolly Roger. On this flag there was a skull and crossbones. The skull and crossbones was a sign of death or danger. The pirates used this flag to frighten other ships into giving up without a fight. In fact, the sign appears on medicine bottles today to warn of poison. 5

Pirates would sail the seas looking for ships that were full of expensive goods, such as jewels, silk, money and gold. They would rob these ships and the people on them of anything of value. The pirates would divide the stolen goods, or loot, among themselves but the pirate captain usually kept most of the stolen goods for himself. 10

To save his treasure from being stolen by others, the pirate captain would often hide his treasure. Usually it was buried on an island in a treasure chest. It was well hidden and the only way to find it was to use a treasure map. 15

Pirates sometimes used booby traps to protect their treasure from other pirates. These traps would blow up and kill people. Booby traps helped to keep the exact location of the treasure a secret.

When pirates went on their journeys, their ship's captain kept a log. This helped them to remember the places the ship had visited, important things that happened, unusual weather conditions and other information. 20

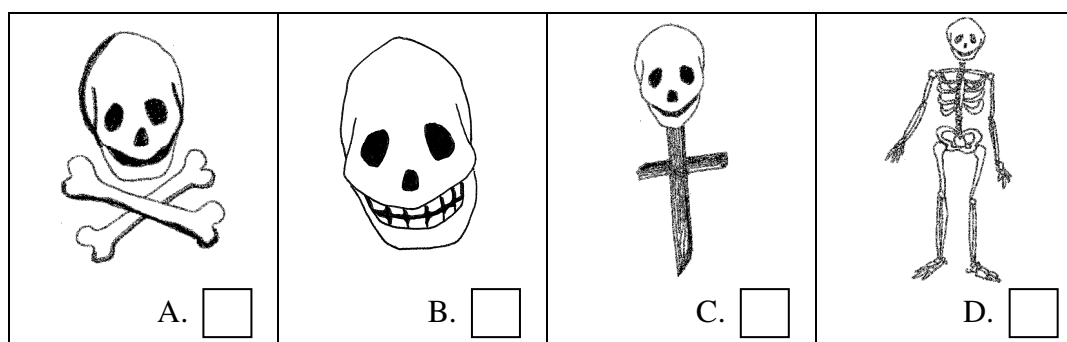
Tick ☒ the best answer.

1. Which one of the following is **not** true about *Treasure Island*? 2. What is the 'Jolly Roger' (line 5)?

- ☐ A. It happened on a pirate ship.
☐ B. It tells us a lot about pirates.
☐ C. It is a popular book among children.
☐ D. It is about children hunting for treasure.

- ☐ A. a flag
☐ B. a pirate
☐ C. a ship
☐ D. poison

3. What does the sign mentioned in line 6 look like?



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4. In the story, what was the use of the sign mentioned in line 6?

- ☐ A. to signal other ships that the sailors were sick
- ☐ B. to warn of poison on medicine bottles
- ☐ C. to remind people of death
- ☐ D. to scare other ships

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5. Which one of the following from paragraph 3 means the same as 'expensive goods' (line 9)?

- ☐ A. pirates' loot
- ☐ B. stolen goods
- ☐ C. anything of value
- ☐ D. money

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6. According to this passage, what was a possible use of a treasure map?

- ☐ A. to keep the treasure a secret
- ☐ B. to protect the treasure
- ☐ C. to bury the treasure
- ☐ D. to get the treasure

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7. Look at the word 'log' in line 19. Now, look at the dictionary entry for 'log' below.
Which meaning represents the word in line 19?

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
- 1. a piece of wood
- 2. a written record of a trip
- 3. a tool to measure the speed of a ship
- 4. a record of messages sent or received

- ☐ A. 1
- ☐ B. 2
- ☐ C. 3
- ☐ D. 4

8. The passage introduces _____.

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- ☐ A. pirate captains
- ☐ B. pirate adventures
- ☐ C. ways to get treasure
- ☐ D. the life of Robert Louis Stevenson

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Part 3

Tom is reading an article.

Read the article below.

Friday, 6 April 2007

Community Weekly



"I Want to Play My Saxophone Again!"

Complaints about noise in Festival Park

Matthew Lynch

"If they don't let me play the saxophone here anymore, I'll be getting my back pain again," said seventy-five-year-old Chandra, an Indonesian Chinese immigrant who came to Hong Kong 40 years ago. "I really like playing my saxophone here and I don't want to go anywhere else," said Chandra in disappointment.

The Happy Gathering

Chandra's story began about half a year ago. He took his saxophone and began to play it at the open theatre in Festival Park. At first, people just stared at him, thinking perhaps that he was a bit odd. But after listening to the beautiful music he played, they began to clap their hands and sing along. In time, others who played musical instruments also came to the park to join Chandra. There were times when almost a hundred people gathered to sing and dance to the music every afternoon. Another old man who had joined the group said, "I'm eighty-two years old, but

I feel like I'm twenty years younger now!" Since Chandra and his group of musicians attracted so many people to their concerts, they began to use loudspeakers.

The Unhappy Ending

Sadly, the group has been ordered to stop playing their music in the park. Police told the group that there had been about 20 complaints concerning the noise and the crowds that gathered to listen to Chandra's group. The police said that the group could continue to play, but they would have to get a permit.


Now, it is true that not everyone likes the music played by Chandra's group. However, many people enjoy coming to the park to sing. In fact, since most of the people are elderly, it is wonderful entertainment for them every day of the week. Unfortunately, due to a few complaints, the music and singing must now stop. What do you think?

Section A

You are going to write a storyline based on the article.

Complete the storyline below. Fill in the blanks or put a tick ☒ in the correct box for each answer.

Storyline		Marker's Use Only
Source	Where can you find the story? <input type="checkbox"/> A. letter <input type="checkbox"/> C. magazine <input type="checkbox"/> B. diary <input type="checkbox"/> D. poster	(29)
Title of the story	<input type="checkbox"/> A. <i>Community Weekly</i> <input type="checkbox"/> B. <i>I Want to Play My Saxophone Again!</i> <input type="checkbox"/> C. <i>Complaints about noise in Festival Park</i> <input type="checkbox"/> D. <i>Matthew Lynch</i>	(30)
Main Character	A. Name: _____ B. Age: _____ C. Place of Birth: _____ D. Number of years in Hong Kong: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> (31) <input type="checkbox"/> (32) <input type="checkbox"/> (33) <input type="checkbox"/> (34)
Event	What happened in the park? <input type="checkbox"/> A. A music concert was organised by a group of musicians. <input type="checkbox"/> B. Some people got back pain after the concert. <input type="checkbox"/> C. Only a few people joined the concert. <input type="checkbox"/> D. The concert took place every night.	(35)
Ending	What do you think is the best thing for the musicians to do? <input type="checkbox"/> A. don't pay attention to the complaints <input type="checkbox"/> B. play music in the mornings only <input type="checkbox"/> C. stop using loudspeakers <input type="checkbox"/> D. get a permit to play	(36)
Opinion	What does the writer think about the concert? <input type="checkbox"/> A. The music concerts should be stopped forever. <input type="checkbox"/> B. The public should care about the elderly. <input type="checkbox"/> C. The music concerts should continue. <input type="checkbox"/> D. No loudspeakers should be used.	(37)

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Section B

Tick ☒ the best answer.

1. In line 5, Chandra is an 'immigrant'.
This means he _____.

- ☐ A. is old
☐ B. is sick
☐ C. comes from another place
☐ D. plays musical instruments

2. In lines 7 – 8, Chandra said, "I really like playing my saxophone here..."
'Here' refers to _____.

- ☐ A. a concert
☐ B. a theatre
☐ C. his flat
☐ D. a park

3. According to the first paragraph, Chandra _____.

- ☐ A. always has back pain
☐ B. is upset because he is old
☐ C. enjoys living in Hong Kong
☐ D. has to stop playing the saxophone

4. What did the old man mean when he said, "I feel like I'm twenty years younger now"
(lines 29 – 30)?

- ☐ A. He was lying to the reporter.
☐ B. He was exercising every day.
☐ C. He was only twenty years old.
☐ D. He was happy to play in the group.

5. What was the main problem with Chandra's group?

- ☐ A. The music was very noisy.
☐ B. The group's music was bad.
☐ C. Few people gathered in the park.
☐ D. The group members were too old.

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